

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL APS PROGRAM MANAGERS

Reason For This Transmittal

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☐ Clarification Requested by one or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

**SUBJECT: ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES SOCIAL WORKER TRAINING PROJECT**

The initial phase of the Adult Protective Services (APS) Social Worker Training Project has been completed. The last of the four scheduled training sessions was held in February 2003. Regional training was provided in Modesto, Los Angeles, Orland and Santa Rosa during January and February of this year by staff from the California State University Los Angeles (CSULA) School of Social Work, Royball Institute for Applied Gerontology, and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS).

**PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The State-funded APS training project was intended to enable training for new or recently hired APS social workers on the enhanced APS program requirements to promote statewide consistency. To achieve the best possible results, a workgroup of county and state staff was created to select a California State University campus to serve as the project consultant and to work in conjunction with the campus to develop the training curriculum. A total of \$488,000 in State General Funds was budgeted for the project for State Fiscal Years 2001-02 and 2002-03.

CDSS worked with the Chancellor's Office of the California State University system in October and November 2001 to obtain letters of interest and proposals from the campuses of the California State University. Eight campuses submitted letters of interest and six of those submitted a proposal. The six included CSULA, San Francisco State University, California State University Bakersfield, California State University Long Beach, California State University San Bernardino, and Sonoma State University. The state/county workgroup met on December 13, 2001 to review the proposals and CSULA was awarded the contract.

## **PROJECT PARTICIPANTS**

The contributions of the following county staff were invaluable to the training project. CDSS would like to thank them for their time and the cooperation, creativity, and effort each of them put forth in working with the Department and the CSULA project team.

Mark Summa, Ventura County  
Becky Broughton, Yuba County  
Lori Delagrammatikas, Riverside County  
Debbie Fields, Solano County  
Joanna Genzoli, Yolo County  
Sandi Einbinder, Los Angeles County

CDSS would also like to thank the following county staff for arranging for facilities and other amenities for the training sessions held in their counties. Their assistance was greatly appreciated.

Anne Danhoff, Stanislaus County  
Kathy Terry and Shellie Gates, Glenn County  
Diane Kaljian, Sonoma County

## **PROJECT NEXT STEPS**

CDSS is now working with CSULA to extend their contract through June 30, 2003 to evaluate the training and to make any necessary changes to the curriculum in the event that the State budget allows for the continuation of the project. The training evaluations that have been received are being reviewed and suggested changes to the process and content will be accommodated as much as possible for future training.

Any questions or comments about the APS training project can be directed to Jenene Acosta, Chief, Adult Protective Services Bureau at (916) 229-0323.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed By*  
**DONNA L. MANDELSTAM on 4/17/03**

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